

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Orbiters in OPF undergoing system tests and checks



STS-101 crew to return to KSC July 24 for mission presentation



▲ **Shuttle Update:** Flight control testing is underway on the maneuvering system and reaction control system on orbiter **Atlantis** in OPF bay 3. In OPB bay 1, the pressurized mating adapter -3 (see photo), installed in **Discovery** July 6, is undergoing testing this week and workers are performing orbiter maneuvering system pod checks. In OPF bay 2, **Endeavour** is having docking system pyrotechnic system checks. The orbiters are scheduled for launches on missions STS-106, STS-92 and STS-97 respectively.



▲ **Meet The Crew:** Members of the STS-101 crew are returning to KSC Monday, July 24, to talk about their mission to the International Space Station. On hand will be Commander James D. Halsell Jr., Pilot Scott J. Horowitz and Mission Specialist Jeffrey N. Williams. Employees are invited, with supervisory approval, to attend the presentation from 2 - 3 p.m. in the Training Auditorium.

◆ **Cancer Support Group:** SGS/CHS offers a cancer support group for KSC/CCAFS personnel who wish to participate. The kick-off session for the Cancer Support Group is scheduled to begin on Thursday, Aug. 10. The group will convene 11 a.m. every Thursday for about 45 minutes in Building M6-495 in the KSC Industrial Area,

Occupational Health Facility Library, room 404. Bring your lunch and join others in this informative support group. Please e-mail Betty Wendell at betty.wendell-1@ksc.nasa.gov or call 867-2518 for more information and sign-up.

◆ **Process Control On TV:** Employees can watch the Space Shuttle Program Process Control Video on Channel 59 in the month of August to understand the important role you play in everyday activities on the Space Shuttle Program. Paying attention to detail, calling a Time Out, and knowing the consequences of changes to a process are all essential components of maintaining and ensuring mission success. For specific dates and times, visit the Web site at <http://usago1.ksc.nasa.gov/usago/orgs/training/index.cfm> and select Channel 59 for the schedule. For comments or questions, please contact Tammi Belt at 799-6265.

◆ **NASA KSC Savings Bond Drive Campaign --** This year's goal for NASA KSC is a 5 percent increase in the number of employees participating and an overall 10 percent increase in new or current participation. For as little as \$3.75 a pay period you can start saving for your future with U.S. Savings Bonds. Directorate canvassers can provide all the information needed to get you started, or call the NASA Savings Bond Team, 476-4042.

◆ **Did You Know?** There are just 164 days left in this year 2000 and the official end of the 20th century and second millennium.

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